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1. WE APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT OF VAN LENNEP LETTER AND MISSION'S THOUGHTFUL SUMMARY ANALYSIS.
 2. WE ARE REVIEWING THE MATTER OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN CERI AND WILL ADVISE YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE REGARDING OUR CONCLUSIONS AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.
 3. FOR MISSION'S INFORMATION, IF AS A RESULT OF INTER-AGENCY REVIEW WE SHOULD DECIDE TO BECOME "FULL PARTICIPANT" IN CERI AND ACCEPT OBLIGATION TO FUND 25 OF CERI BUDGET, THIS DECISION COULD NOT TAKE EFFECT PRIOR TO CY 1976. FOR CY 1975 WE WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO PROPOSE A CONTINUATION OF SOME FORM OF "SPECIAL STATUS" FOR THE U.S.,
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ALONG LINES WE HAVE BEEN ACCORDED IN PREVIOUS YEARS. IN

THIS CONNECTION, AS HEW REPRESENTATIVES HAVE EXPLAINED TO SECRETARIAT AND MISSION OFFICERS ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS IN THE PAST, NOTE THAT THE "PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES"REFERRED TO IN THE VAN LENNEP LETTER NOT ONLY PERSIST BUT HAVE GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY WORSE IN FY 1975.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THE AKWARDNESS OF A PROSPECTIVE FOURTH YEAR IN SPECIAL STATUS FOR ALL CONCERNED. BE ASSURED THAT HEW CONTINUES TO DO ALL POSSIBLE WITHIN PREVAILING CONSTRAINTS TO DEVELOP ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR OUR CY 1975 PARTICIPATION IN CERI.

5. HEW REAFFIRMS THAT THE JOINT FUNDING ARRANGEMENT PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPH 8 OF REFTEL IS THE COURSE IT HAS BEEN PURSUING SINCE THE SHAPE OF THE NIE 1975 BUDGET BECAME CLEAR. GASS ALSO AWARE OF THESE EFFORTS.

6. WE ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO PROPOSE U.S. FINANCING FOR CERI 1975 PROGRAM BEFORE MARCH 30, BY WHICH TIME HEW FY 1975 APPROPRIATIONS PICTURE WILL FINALLY BE CLEAR AND FIRM.

7. MISSION REQUESTED NOT REPEAT NOT TO CONVEY FOREGOING INFORMATION TO SECRETARIAT AT THIS TIME. WE MAY WISH TO LINK OUR PROPOSALS FOR CERI PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR TO OUR DECISION REGARDING FUTURE CERI MEMBERSHIP. INGERSOLL

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